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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Moedling and Traiskirchen and near
Goetzendorf

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 13 May 1954, the former automobile and aircraft-engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse and the Hyrtl'sche Waisenanstalt (Hyrtl orphans' home) in Moedling (O 49/X 37) were unoccupied and guarded only by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks all drivers with black-bordered red epaulets, shuttled briquettes from the railroad station to the former Bundesgewerbeschule (Federal trade school). The convoy was led by an officer with black-bordered red epaulets, who rode a jeep whose driver wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the

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2. On 9 May 1954, no soldiers other than sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal correctional) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). The garages were empty. The large radio installation was occupied. The troops stationed at Traiskirchen were apparently absent from their station.²

3. On 6 May 1954, four majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, who came from the direction of Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57), entered the Fassgarten Kaserne near this town. About 40 soldiers practiced with six mortars of unidentified size. Jacked-up vehicles in the area of the installation included 34 trucks, 2 jeeps and 1 weapon carrier. Another 17 trucks including driving school truck were parked in the section of the installation which was occupied by a driving school.

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

1. Comment. The component units of the 13th Gds Mech Div stationed at the former automobile and aircraft-engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse and the Hyrtl'sche Waisenanstalt, presumably the signal battalion and possibly the motorcycle battalion of this division, had apparently moved to the Doellersheim training grounds. Most of the motor-vehicle from Moedling, as far as they could be identified, belong to the Central Group of Forces, component units of which are quartered in the Bundesgewerbeschule.

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2.  Comment. The 45th Gds Mech Regt, which is stationed at Traiskirchen, apparently also left the post, presumably for the Doellersheim training grounds.
3.  Comment. The present information on soldiers practicing with mortars and on officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia in the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf substantiates the belief that the 654th Gds Mortar Regt (US), which is the mortar regiment of the 13th Gds Mech Div, is stationed at Goetzendorf. The trucks observed in the section of the installation occupied by a driving school presumably belonged to the 55th Tank Instr Bn, which is also stationed at this installation. All motor-vehicle  belong to the 13th Gds Mech Div.

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